

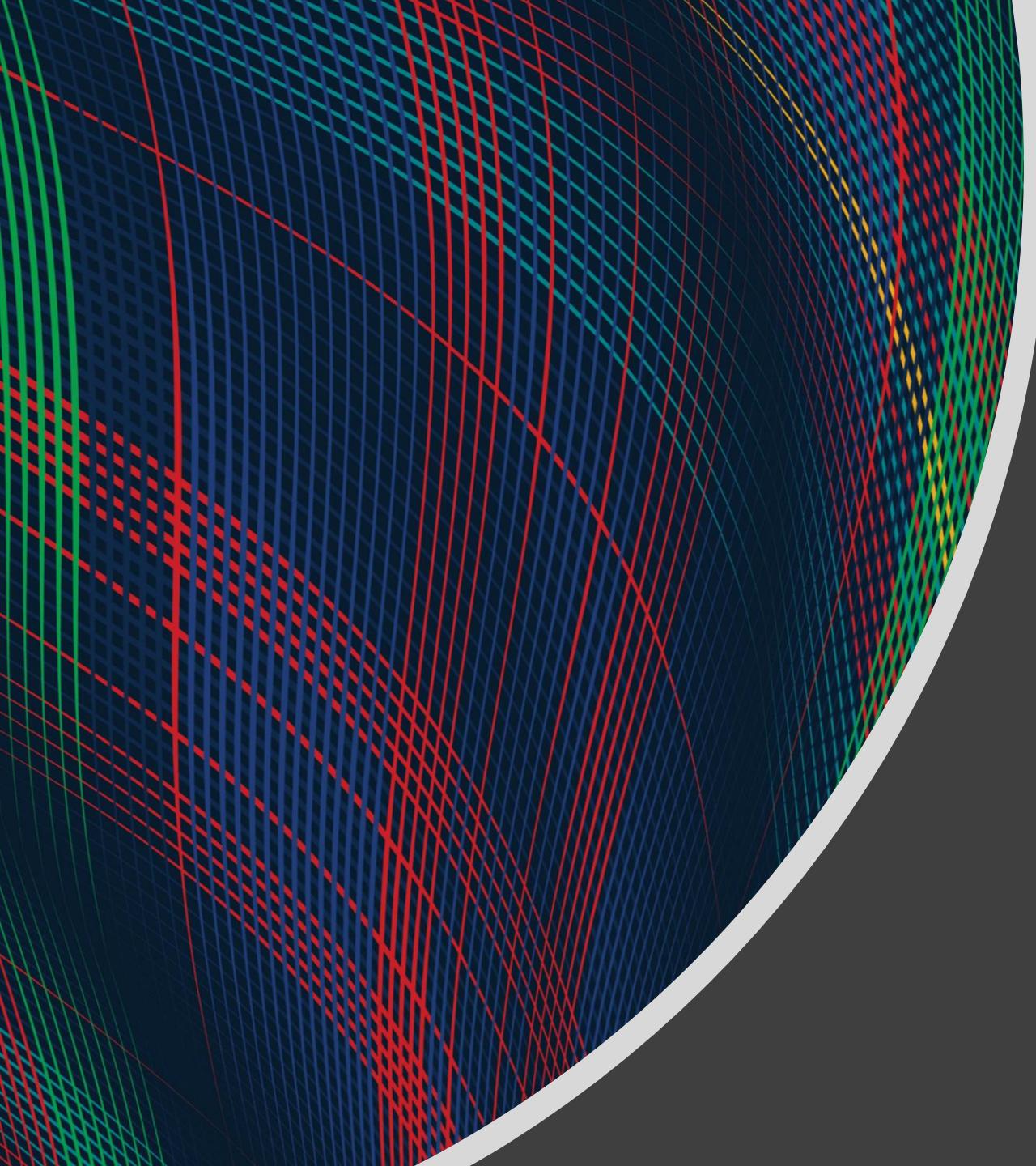
# Plan

## Today

- Wrap-up regularization (for now)
- MLE
  - Probability / likelihood
  - Maximum likelihood estimation
  - Probabilistic formulation of linear and logistic regression

# Wrap up Neural Nets

Switch to regression slides

A 3D surface plot on the left side of the slide. The surface is a complex, undulating shape with a grid of lines overlaid. The lines are colored in a gradient: red on the left, transitioning through orange and yellow to green on the right. The surface itself is dark blue on the left and becomes lighter green on the right. The grid lines are mostly red, with some blue and green lines interspersed, creating a textured appearance.

# 10-315 Introduction to ML

## MLE and Probabilistic Formulation of Machine Learning

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## Poll 1: Exercise

Implement a function in Python for the pdf of a Gaussian distribution.

Python numpy or math packages are fine, no scipy, etc.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Exercises

Calculate the probability of these event sequences happening

Coin

Fair: H, H, T, H

Biased,  $\phi = 3/4$  heads: H, H, T, H

4-sided die with sides: A, B, C, D

Fair: A, B, D, D, A

Weighted,  $[\phi_A, \phi_B, \phi_C, \phi_D] = [1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10]$   
A, B, D, D, A

# Probability

# Probability Vocab

Outcomes

Sample space

Events

Probability

Random variable

Discrete random variable

Continuous random variable

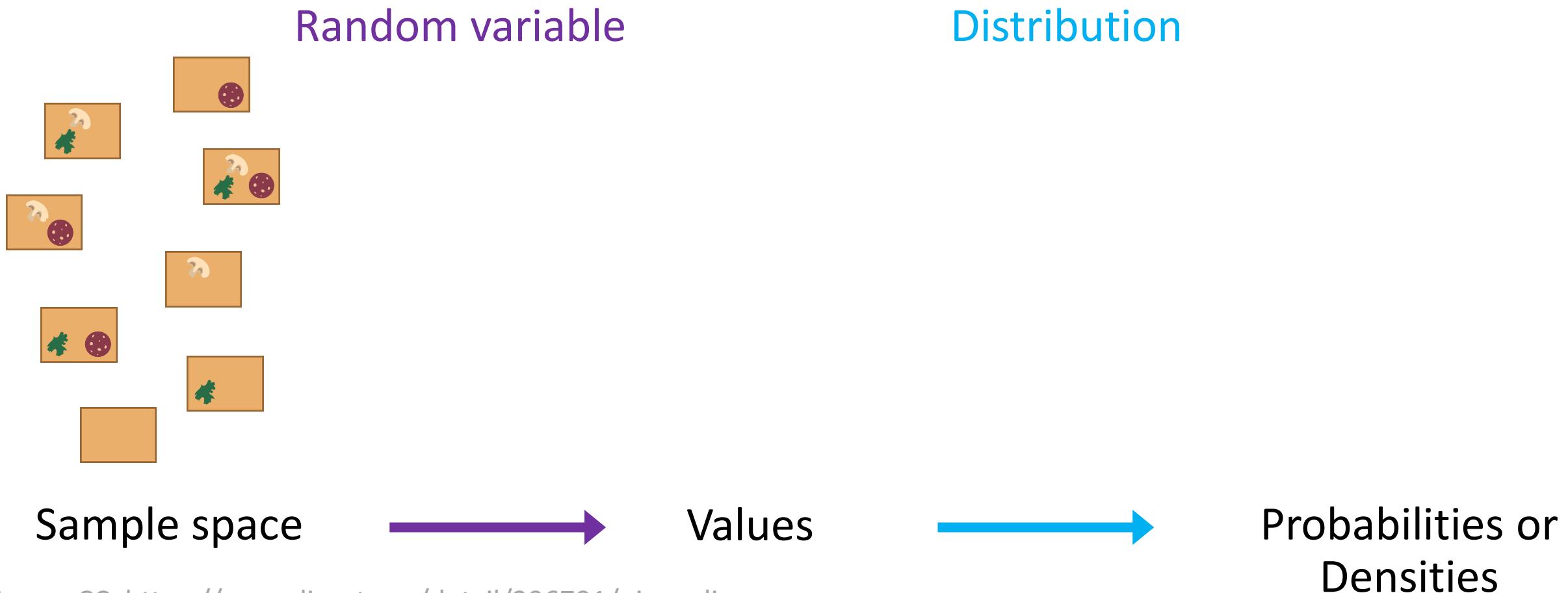
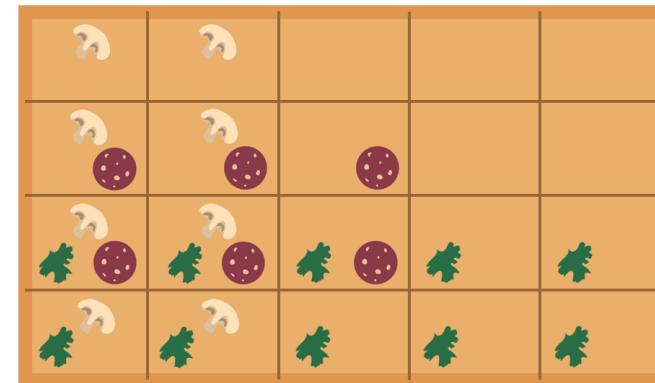
Probability mass function

Probability density function

Parameters

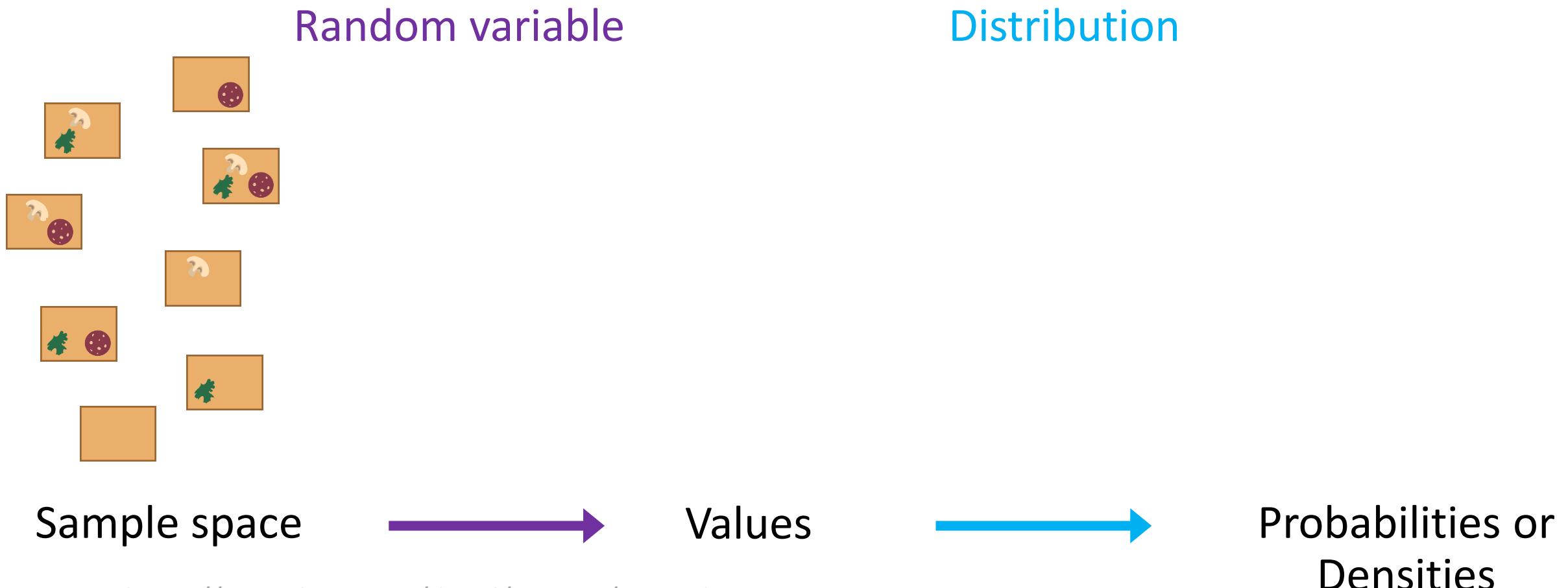
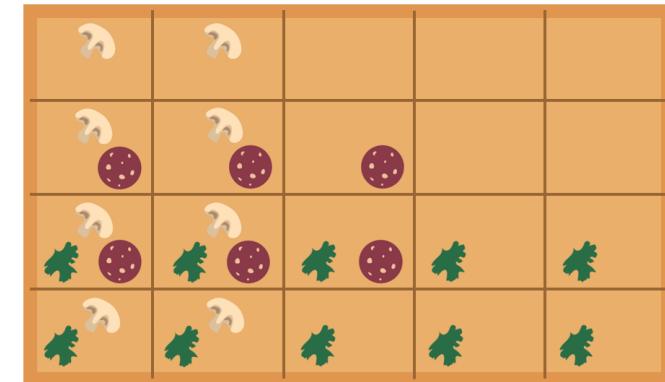
# Example

Random variable for spinach or no spinach



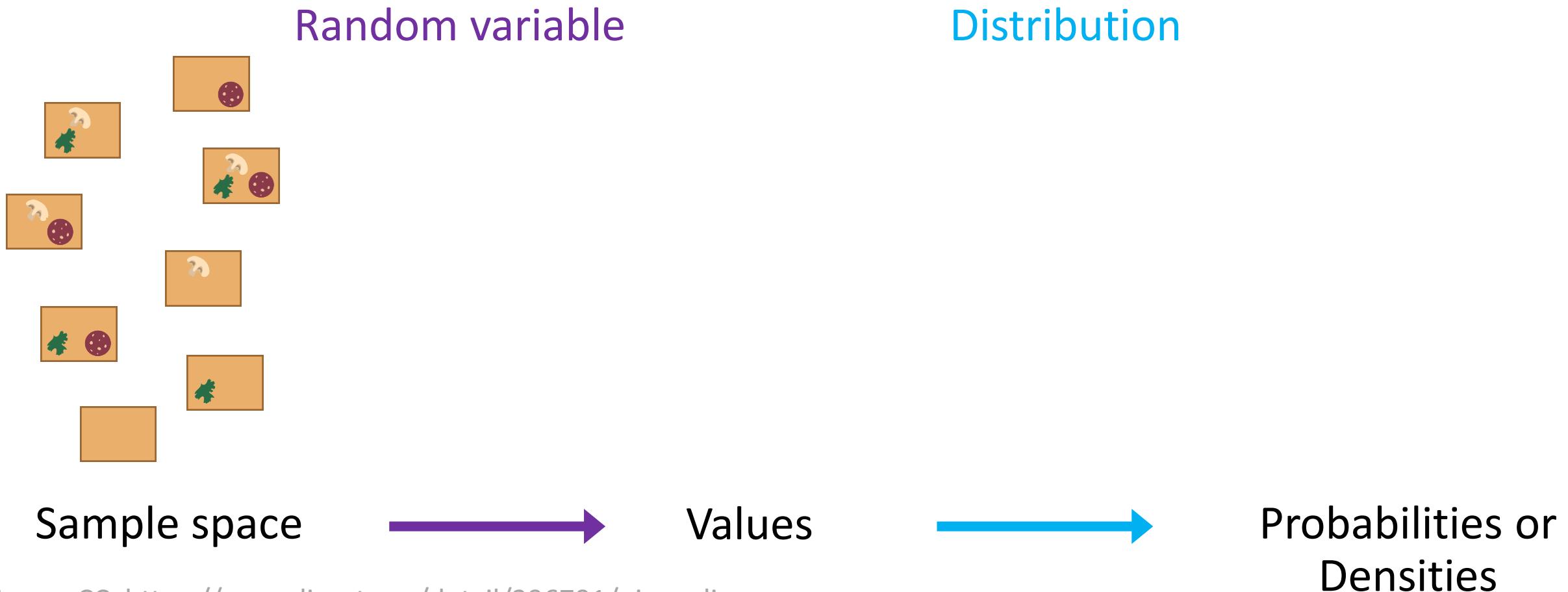
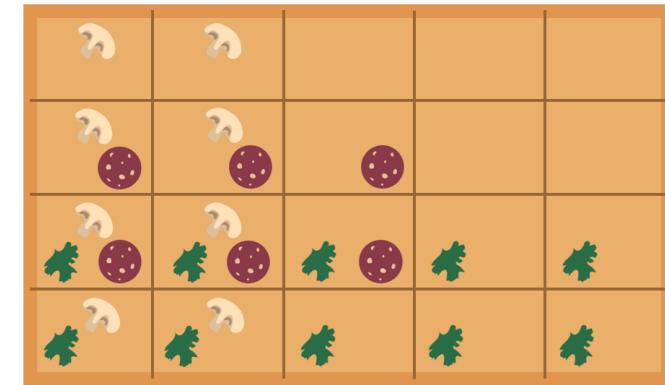
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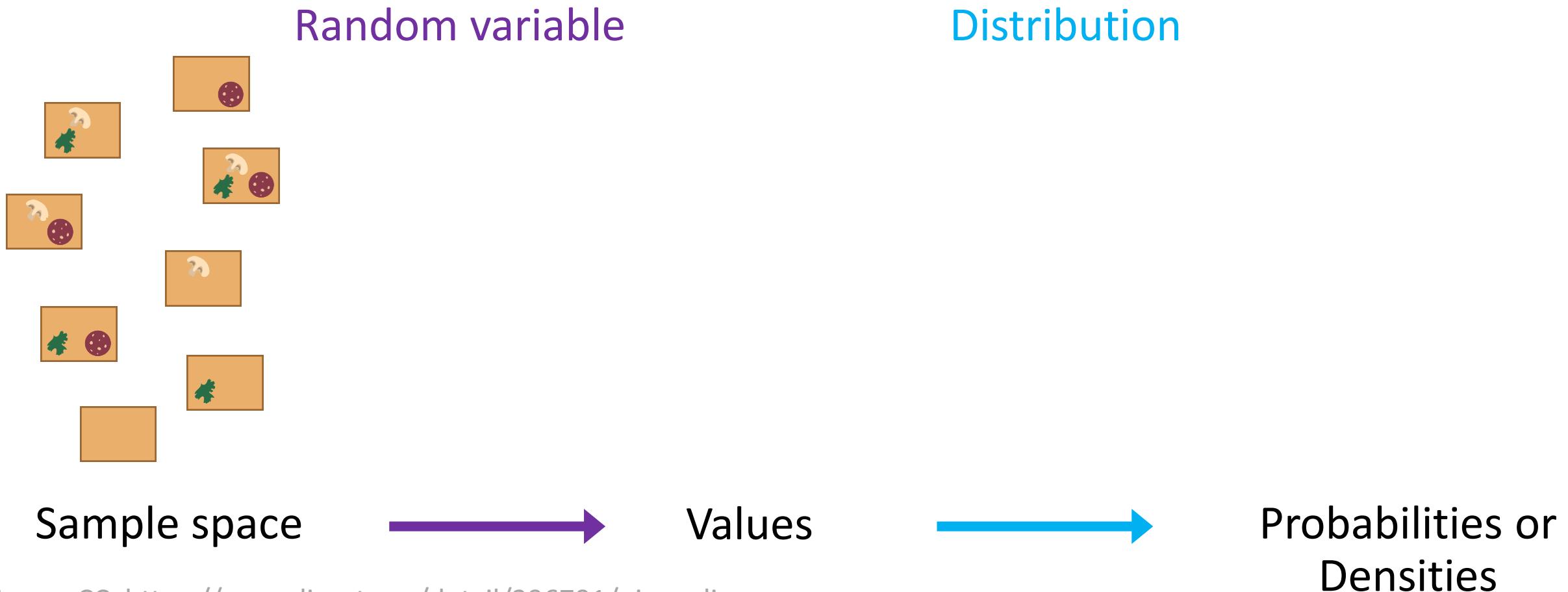
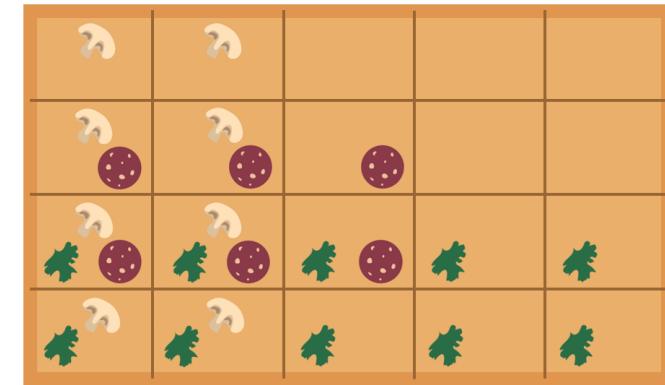
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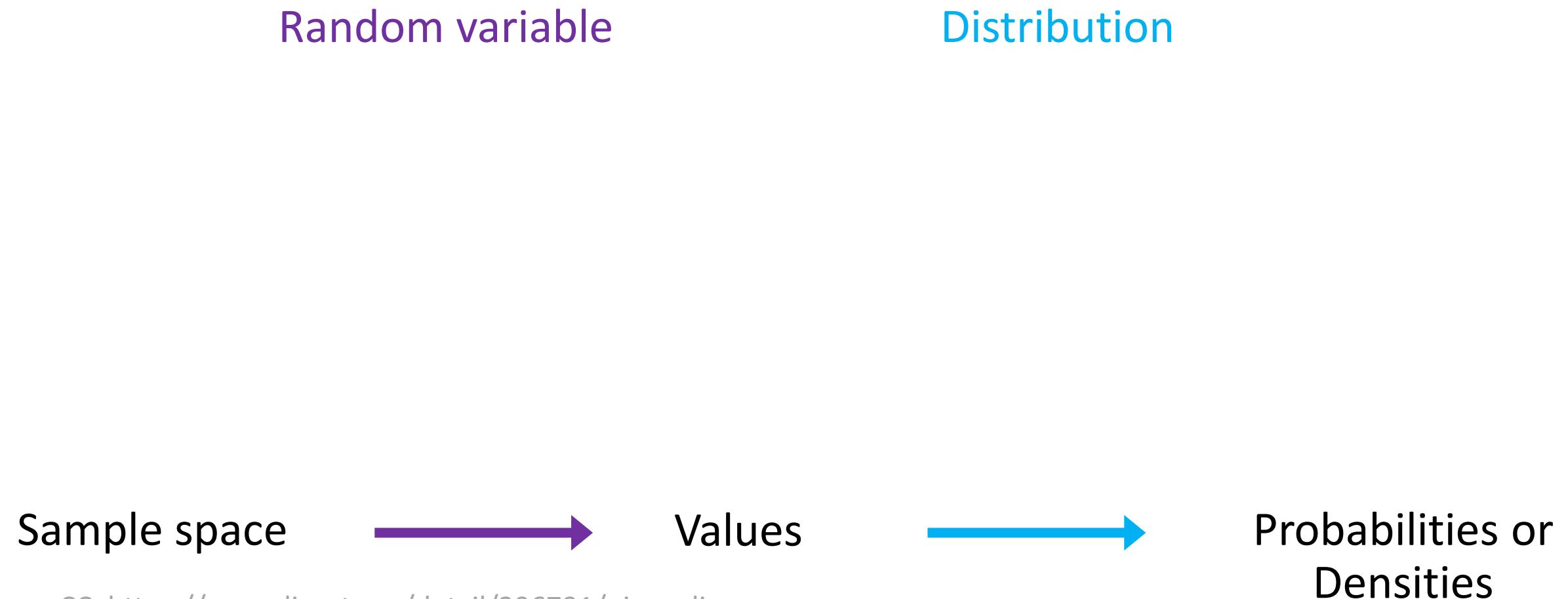
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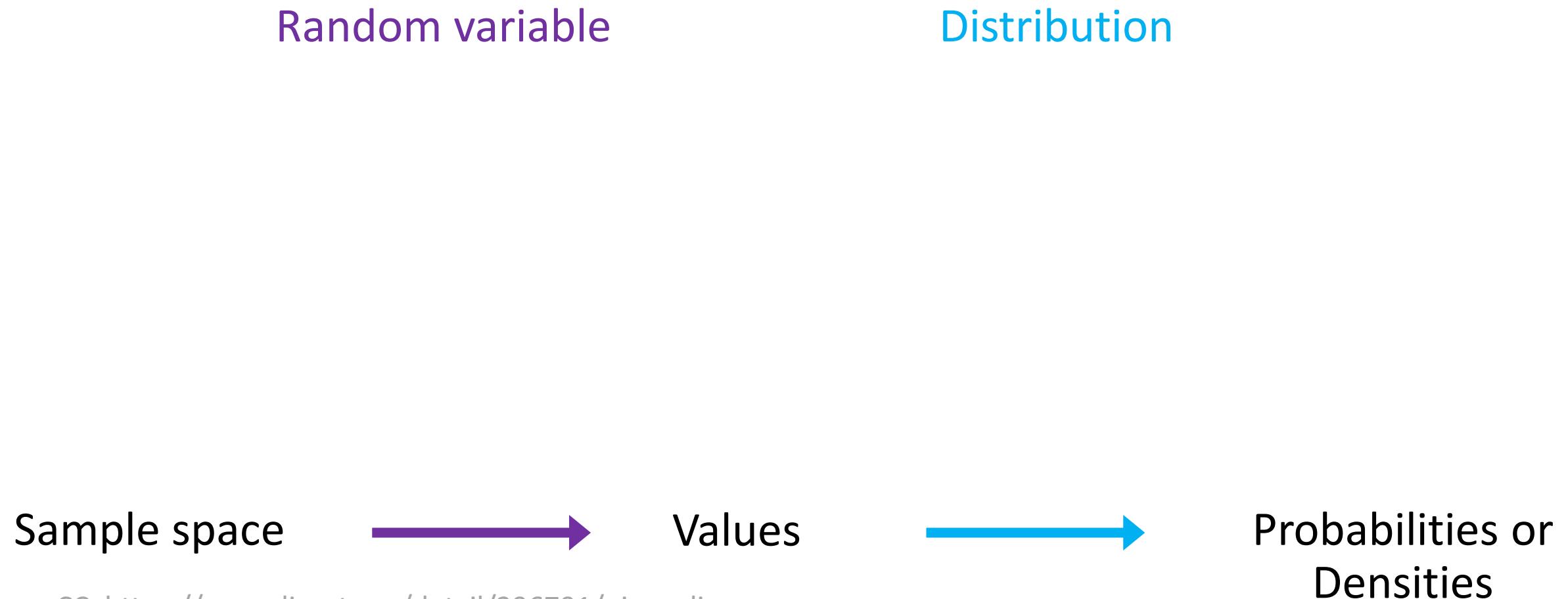
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Random variable for number of heads after  
two flips of a fair coin



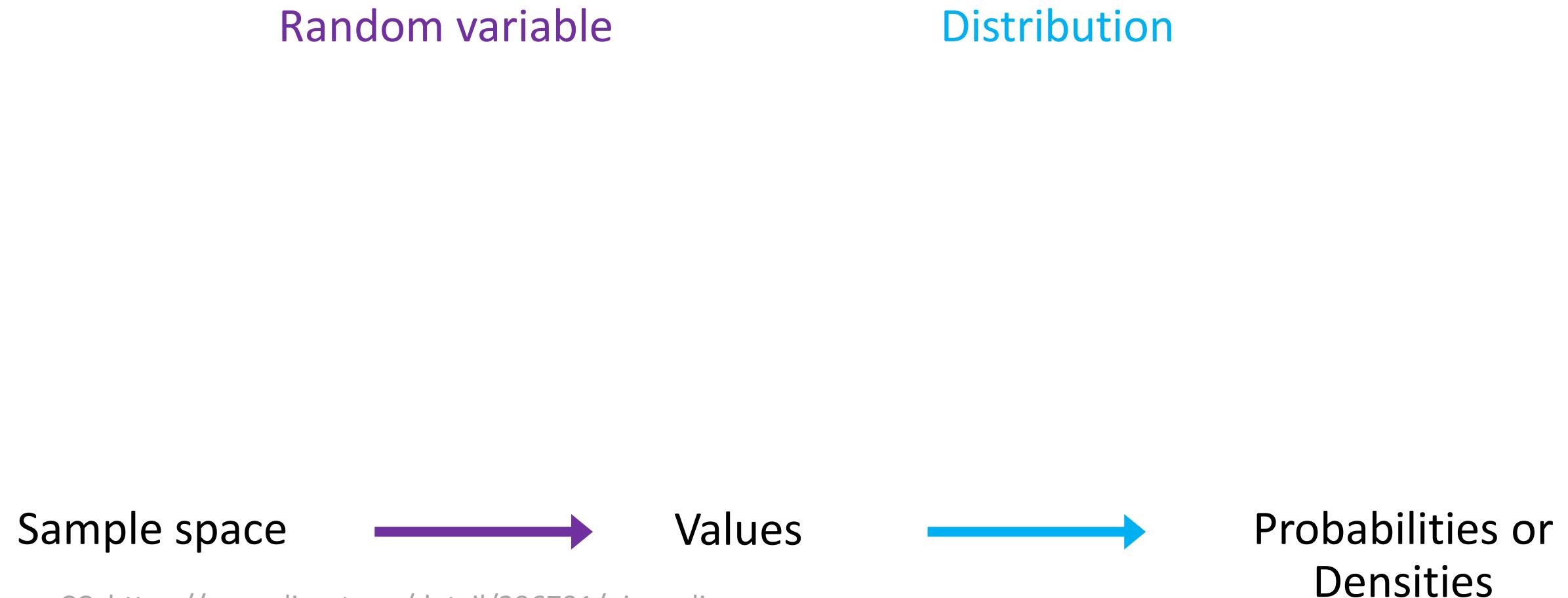
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Random variable for number of heads after  
two flips of a *biased* coin that lands heads 75%



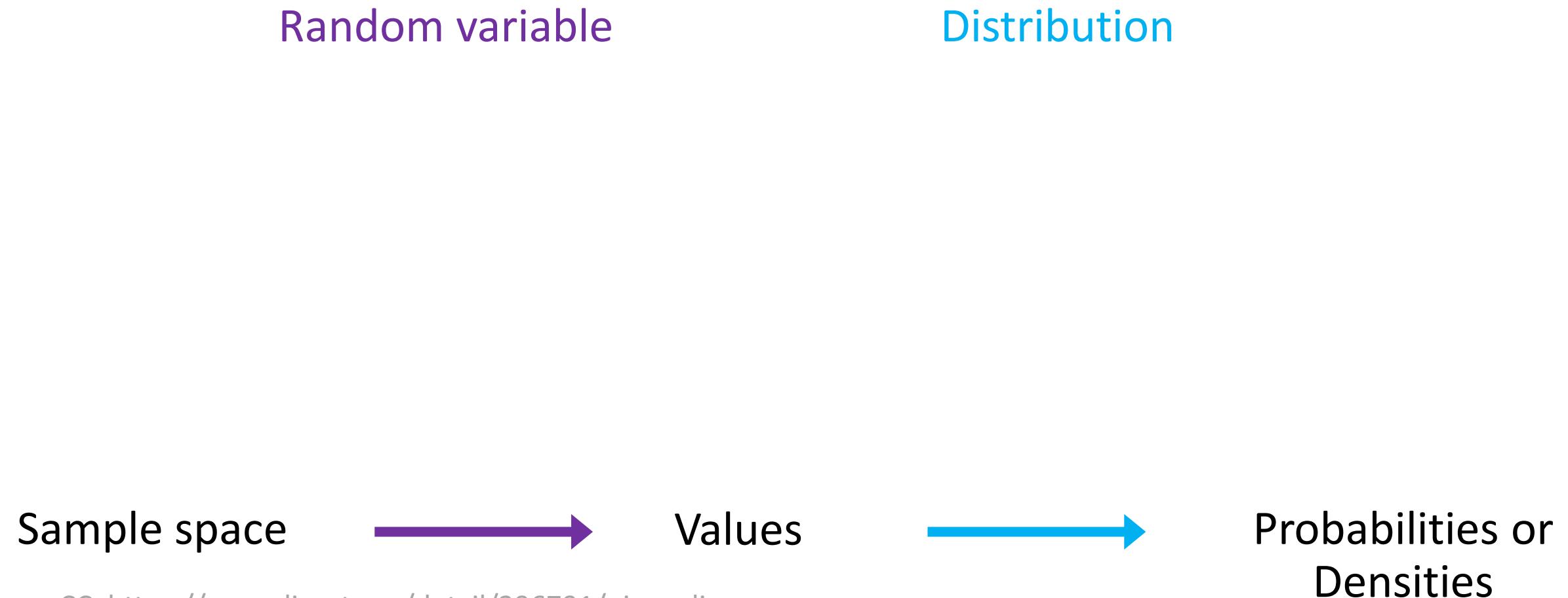
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Random variable for cat in picture or not



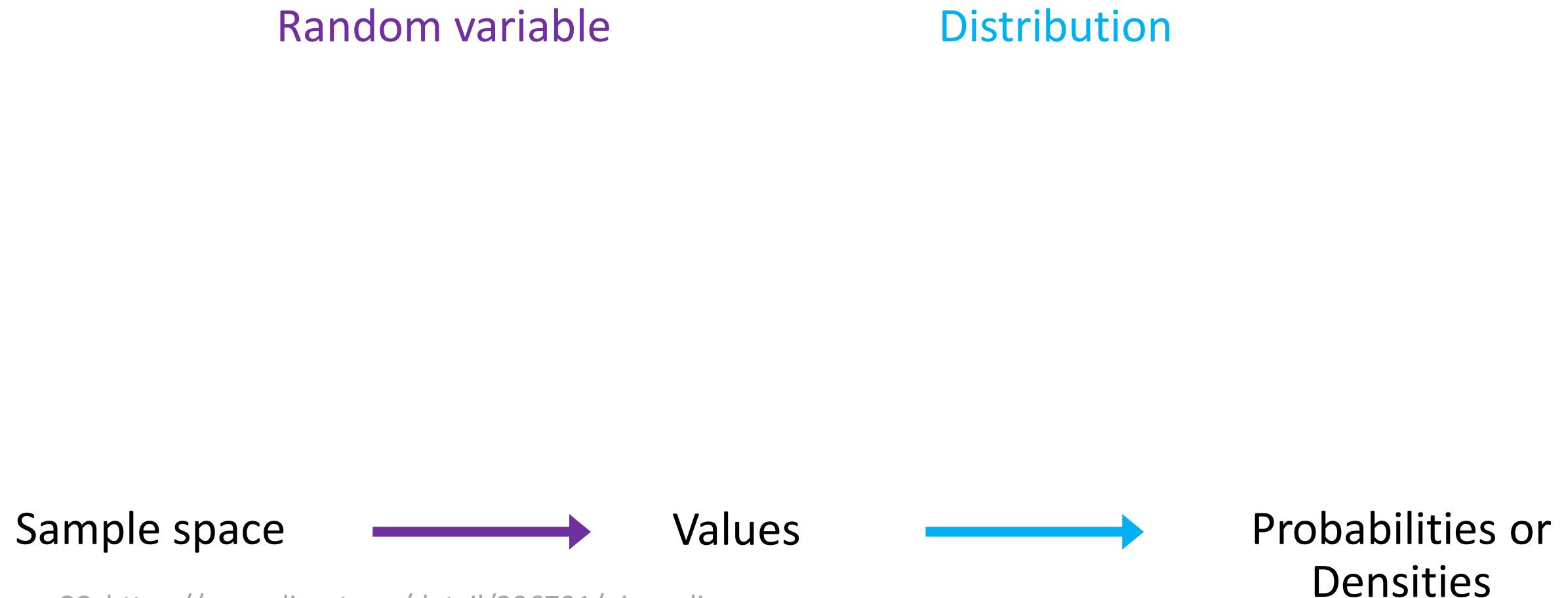
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Random variable for animal species in picture assuming one animal picture and available species: dog, cat, pig



# Example

Random variable for height of student



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# Example Discrete Distributions

Bernoulli

Categorical

Binomial

Multinomial

Uniform

# Example Continuous Distributions

Gaussian

Beta

Laplace

# Probability Vocab

Marginal

Joint

Conditional

# Notation

Dataset

Parameters, generically  $\theta$

$$p(\mathcal{D} | \theta), p(\mathcal{D} ; \theta)$$

Random variables

Capital

Values

lower case

Random variable: function that maps events to values

$Y$  is random variable that maps the event of a coin toss being heads to value one and the event of a coin toss being tails to zero

$$P(Y = 1 | \phi) = 3/4, \text{ where } \phi = 3/4$$

$$P(Y = 1) = 3/4$$

Sometimes even

$$P(Y = \text{heads}) = 3/4$$

# Probability Toolbox

- Algebra
- Three axioms of probability
- Theorem of total probability
- Definition of conditional probability
- Product rule
- Bayes' theorem
- Chain rule
- Independence
- Conditional independence

# Probability Tools Summary

## Adding to the toolbox

1. Definition of conditional probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$

2. Chain Rule

$$P(A, B) = P(A | B)P(B)$$

3. Bayes' theorem

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A | B)P(B)}{P(A)}$$

4. Chain Rule...

$$P(A_1, \dots, A_N) = P(A_1) \sum_{i=2}^N P(A_i | A_{i-1})$$

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## Grades

$$\text{Gaussian PDF: } p(y | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Likelihood

Trick coin: comes up heads only  $1/3$  of the time

1 flip: H

probability:  $\frac{1}{3}$

2 flips: H,H

probability:  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

3 flips: H,H,T

probability:  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$

But why can we just multiply these?

# Likelihood and i.i.d

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**i.i.d.:** Independent and identically distributed

# Bernoulli Likelihood

Bernoulli distribution:

$$Y \sim \text{Bern}(\phi) \quad p(y \mid \phi) = \begin{cases} \phi, & y = 1 \\ 1 - \phi, & y = 0 \end{cases}$$

What is the likelihood for three i.i.d. samples, given parameter  $\phi$ :

$$\mathcal{D} = \{y^{(1)} = 1, y^{(2)} = 1, y^{(3)} = 0\}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^N p(Y = y^{(i)} \mid \phi)$$

$$= \phi \cdot \phi \cdot (1 - \phi)$$

MLE

Maximum likelihood estimation

# From Probability to Statistics

## Poll 2

Assume that exam scores are drawn independently from the same Gaussian (Normal) distribution.

Given three exam scores 75, 80, 90, which pair of parameters is a better fit (a higher likelihood)?

- A) Mean 80, standard deviation 3
- B) Mean 85, standard deviation 7

Use a calculator/computer.

$$\text{Gaussian PDF: } p(y \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Likelihood

## Trick coin

# Estimating Parameters with Likelihood

We model the outcome of a single mysterious weighted-coin flip as a Bernoulli random variable:

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$$\begin{aligned} p(D \mid \phi) &= \phi \cdot \phi \cdot (1 - \phi) \cdot \phi \\ &= \phi^3 (1 - \phi)^1 \end{aligned}$$

# Likelihood and Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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**Likelihood function:** The value of likelihood as we change theta (same as likelihood, but conceptually we are considering many different values of the parameters)

**Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE):** Find the parameter value that maximizes the likelihood.

# MLE as Data Increases

Given the ordered sequence of coin flip outcomes:

$$[1, 0, 1, 1]$$

$$p(\mathcal{D} \mid \phi) = \prod_i^N p(y^{(i)} \mid \phi) = \phi^{N_{y=1}} (1 - \phi)^{N_{y=0}}$$

What happens as we flip more coins?

# MLE for Gaussian

Gaussian distribution:

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$p(y \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

What is the log likelihood for three i.i.d. samples, given parameters  $\mu, \sigma^2$ ?

$$\mathcal{D} = \{y^{(1)} = 65, y^{(2)} = 95, y^{(3)} = 85\}$$

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y^{(i)}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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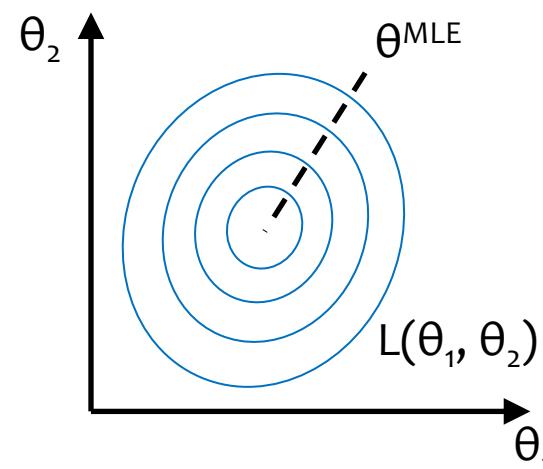
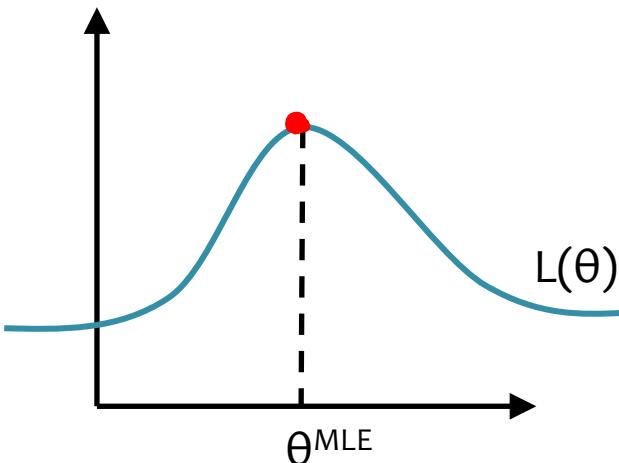
Suppose we have data  $\mathcal{D} = \{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$

## Principle of Maximum Likelihood Estimation:

Choose the parameters that maximize the likelihood of the data.

$$\theta^{\text{MLE}} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_{i=1}^N p(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} | \theta)$$

Maximum Likelihood Estimate (MLE)



# Likelihood and Log Likelihood

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# Recipe for Estimation

## MLE

1. Formulate the likelihood,  $p(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta)$
2. Set objective  $J(\theta)$  equal to negative log of likelihood

$$J(\theta) = -\log p(\mathcal{D} \mid \theta)$$

3. Compute derivative of objective,  $\partial J / \partial \theta$
4. Find  $\hat{\theta}$ , either
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# Probabilistic Formulation for ML

## MLE for Linear and Logistic Regression

# Using Statistics for Machine Learning

# Recipe for Estimation

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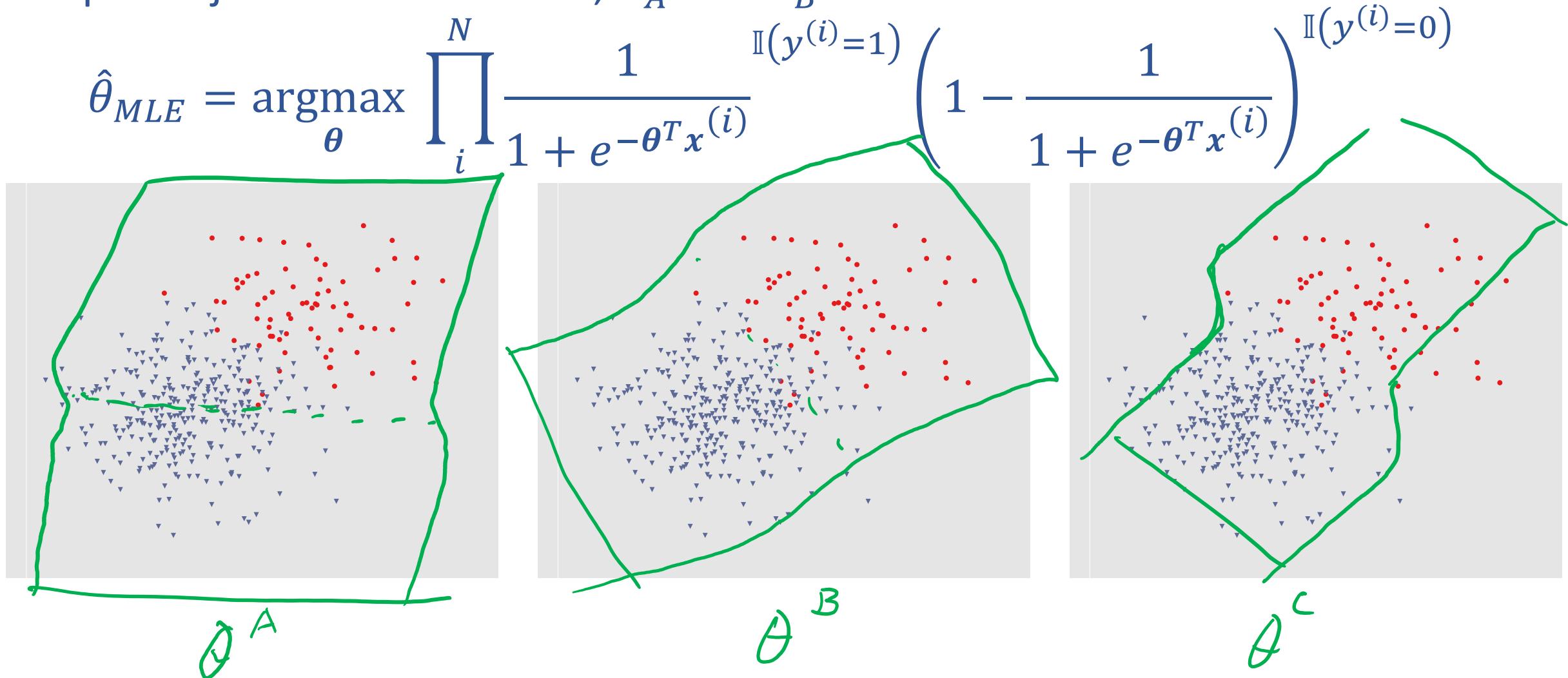
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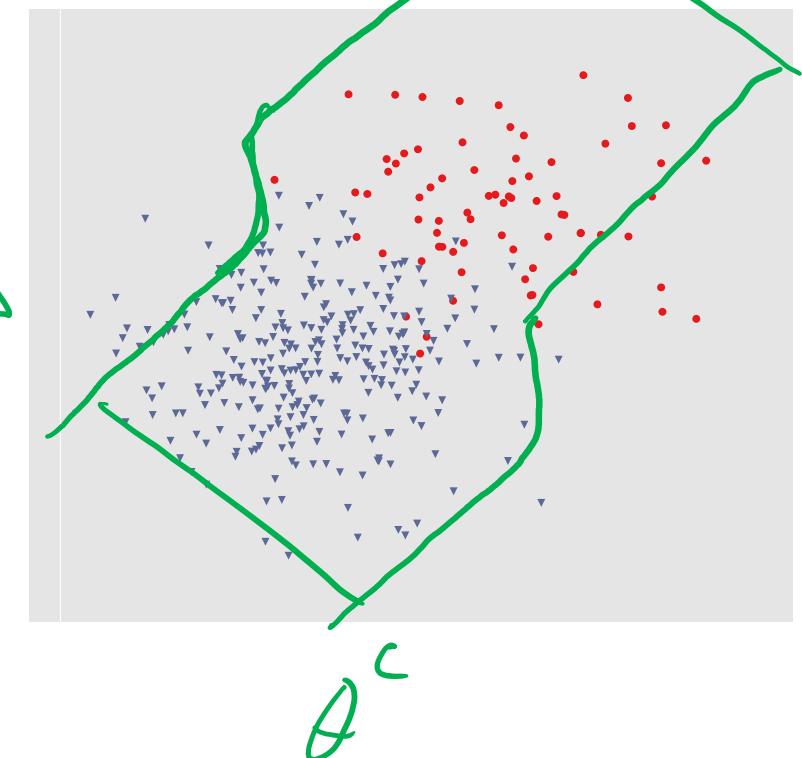
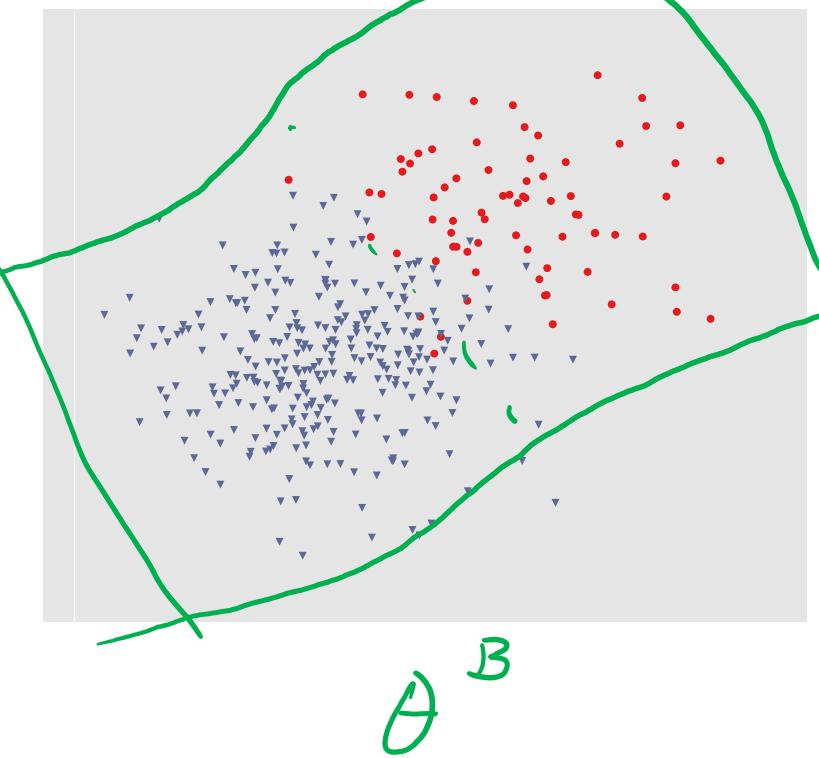
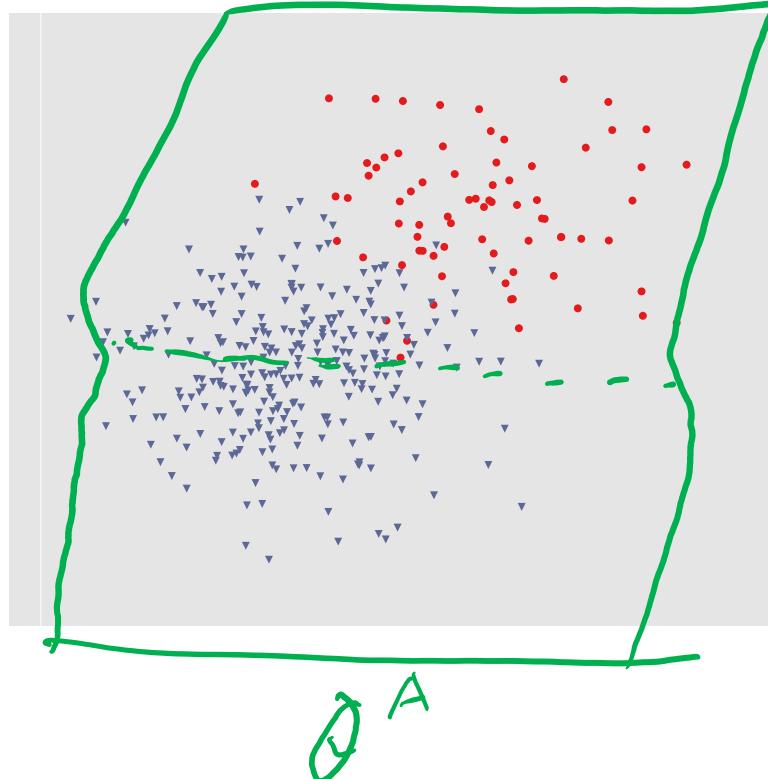
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# M(C)LE for Multi-class Logistic Regression

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